

**Remarks:**

By this voluntary amendment the Applicant cancels claim 1 formerly pending in the case, and submits new claims 2 – 21 for consideration by the Examiner.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner confirm that the references cited in the parent case, now issued as US Patent 6,709,207, have been brought forward for consideration in this case as well.

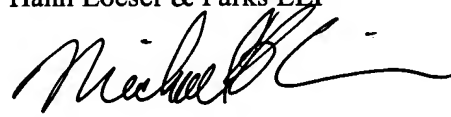
The Applicant believes that claims 2 – 21 are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant respectfully requests early and favourable disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Minns", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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